

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the electrode has a surface area of .8 mm² - 1.2 mm².
3. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one electrode comprises a conductive sleeve partially masked by the lead body, the conductive sleeve having an exposed electrode surface.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The lead assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising~~ A lead assembly comprising:
a lead body extending from a proximal end to a distal end, the lead body including a conductor coil disposed therein;
at least one electrode electrically coupled with the conductor coil and located entirely on an intermediate portion of the lead body between the proximal end and the distal end, wherein the electrode has a surface area less than about 1.2 mm²; and
a first drug elution collar and a second drug elution collar, wherein the first drug elution collar is disposed proximate to a first side of the electrode and the second drug elution collar is disposed proximate to a second side of the electrode.
6. (Original) The lead assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein the intermediate portion is adapted to be disposed within the atrium of a heart, wherein the at least one electrode is disposed on the intermediate portion.

7. (Original) The lead assembly as recited in claim 5, wherein the first drug elution collar has a first drug therein, the second drug elution collar has a second drug therein, and the first drug is different than the second drug.

8. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 4 5, further comprising a porous member disposed on the lead body proximate to the at least one electrode.

9. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 4 5, wherein a portion of the at least one electrode is offset from an outer surface of the lead body.

10. (Withdrawn) The lead assembly as recited in claim 9, wherein the surface area of the at least one electrode extends about a circumference of the lead body.

11. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 4 5, wherein a portion of the least one electrode is flush with an outer surface of the lead body.

12. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 4 5, wherein the at least one electrode comprises an electrode for at least one of pacing and sensing which includes a wire filament disposed about a circumference of the lead body.

13. (Withdrawn) The lead assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the wire filament is bonded with the lead body.

14. (Withdrawn) The lead assembly as recited in claim 13, further comprising at least one drug elution collar disposed adjacent to the at least one electrode.

15. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 4 5, wherein a portion of the conductor coil extends through the lead body and around the circumference of the lead body.

16. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 1 ~~5~~, ~~wherein the at least one electrode includes a first~~ including a second electrode disposed at the distal end of the lead, ~~and a second electrode disposed between the distal end and the proximal end of the lead~~, wherein the ~~first~~ second electrode is adapted to be disposed within a ventricle and is adapted to be cathodic in polarity, and the ~~second~~ at least one electrode is adapted to be disposed within an atrium and is adapted to be anodic in polarity.

17. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim 1 ~~5~~, ~~wherein the at least one electrode includes a first~~ including a second electrode disposed at the distal end of the lead, ~~and a second electrode disposed between the distal end and the proximal end of the lead~~, wherein the ~~first~~ second electrode is adapted to be disposed within a ventricle and is adapted to be anodic in polarity, and the ~~second~~ at least one electrode is adapted to be disposed within an atrium and is adapted to be cathodic in polarity.

18-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The lead assembly as recited in claim 22, further comprising~~ A lead assembly comprising:

a lead body extending from a proximal end to a distal end, the lead body including a conductor disposed therein;

at least one electrode electrically coupled with the conductor, wherein the at least one electrode includes a conductive sleeve having an exposed electrode surface surrounding the lead body and having an area of less than about 1.2 mm²; and

a first drug elution collar and a second drug elution collar, wherein the first drug elution collar is disposed proximate to a first end of the sleeve and the second drug elution collar is disposed proximate to a second end of the sleeve.

25. (Original) The lead assembly as recited in claim 24, wherein the first drug elution collar and the second drug elution collar straddle the exposed electrode surface.

26. (Original) The lead assembly as recited in claim 24, wherein the first drug elution collar has a first drug therein, the second drug elution collar has a second drug therein, and the first drug is different than the second drug.

27. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim ~~22~~ 24, further comprising a porous member disposed on the lead body proximate to the at least one electrode.

28. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim ~~22~~ 24, wherein the exposed electrode surface is offset from a surface of the lead body.

29. (Currently Amended) The lead assembly as recited in claim ~~22~~ 24, wherein the exposed electrode surface is flush with a surface of the lead body.